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ABSTRACT

This guide for graduate students and their supervising university faculty provides practical advice for writing and supervising the thesis or dissertation. The guide is based on input from interviews with more than 100 supervising faculty members as well as other sources. Among changes in this edition are an increased emphasis on the honors thesis, on use of technology, on foreign students, on intellectual property rights, on socially sensitive research, and on operational models for dealing with specific problems in the thesis and dissertation process. Following an historical introduction, which traces the emergence of advanced degrees and graduate research, individual chapters address the following topics: (1) getting started, (2) the research advisor, (3) proposal development, (4) proposal preparation, (5) the thesis or dissertation committee, (6) approval of the overview, (7) conducting the study, (8) writing the manuscript, (9) defending the thesis or dissertation, and (10) the completed thesis or dissertation. Appendices include a glossary of technical terminology, suggested proposal and project guidelines, and a possible outline for a course on thesis or dissertation research and preparation. (Contains approximately 280 references.) (DB)

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